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For: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE
RELIABILITY OF BRITTLE MATERIALS
THROUGH THE CREATION OF A
THRESHOLD STRENGTH

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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